

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the recent telephone interview. Claims 17 - 32 have been proposed by the Applicant in the case, and were presented for consideration in applicant's Amendment of February 19, 2009 . Claims 17 to 29 are shown in US 2007/0098867 A1 . Claim 30 was presented in applicant's Amendment of March 26, 2007. See US Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0098867 A1 Para. { 0016} for support of Claim 31, and Para. {0018} for support of Claim 32.

Claims 1 – 16 were cancelled.

In response to the Office Communication of 04/02/2009 , attached please find a complete listing of all of the Claims 17 – 32 in ascending order, and provided with the proper status identifier .

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw or modify the requirement for Election/Restriction and to allow all claims 17 through 32 . In the event only the claims in Group II , which were elected by the Applicant are approved by the Examiner , then applicant solicits the Examiner to approve the combination of Group II claims , Group III claims , Claim 31 , and Claim 32 .

All of the claims include the same special technical feature i.e. a novel synergistic mixture of Sucratose powder and Lo Han Kuo powder. This feature links the claims and thereby constitutes a single general inventive concept.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice Of Allowance be issued in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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